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REMARKS

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's thorough examination of the subject application and request reconsideration of the subject application based on the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 2-6, 10-13, and 38-43 are pending in the subject application.

Claims 3, 5, 10-13 and 38-43 are acknowledged as being allowable by the Examiner.

Claims 1, 7-9, 14-37 and 44-59 were previously canceled. In this regard, Applicants would note that as to the claims that were withdrawn from prosecution, namely claims 28-30, 32-34, 36, 37 and 54-59 and previously canceled without prejudice; Applicants reserve the right to later present and continue prosecution of these claims in a continuing/divisional application.

Claims 2, 4 and 6 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 and/or 35 U.S.C. §103.

Claims 2, 4 and 6 were canceled in the instant amendment without prejudice to prosecuting them in a continuing application.

As all of the rejected claims are being canceled, Applicants do not believe that the rejections as to these claims need to be addressed further herein.

The amendments to the claims are supported by the originally filed disclosure.

It is respectfully submitted that the subject application is in a condition for allowance. Early and favorable action is requested.

Applicants believe that additional fees are not required for consideration of the within Response. However, if for any reason a fee is required, a fee paid is inadequate or credit is owed

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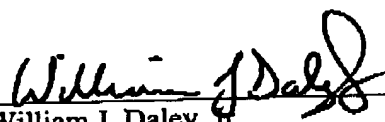for any excess fee paid, the Commissioner is hereby authorized and requested to charge Deposit

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